

FEBRUARY 9, 1833.

Read twice, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. IRVIN, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To authorize the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas to sell the thousand acres of land granted to said Territory by any act of Congress approved the fifteenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*
3 whenever the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas shall fur-
4 nish to the Secretary of the Treasury a sufficient description
5 of the boundaries of the thousand acres of land, donated by an
6 act of Congress of the fifteenth of June, one thousand eight
7 hundred and thirty-two, to the Territory of Arkansas, for the
8 erection of a court-house and jail in the town of Little Rock,
9 in the Territory aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Secre-
10 tary of the Treasury to cause a patent to be issued for said
11 thousand acres of land, to the Governor of Arkansas, and his
12 successors in office, in trust, for the benefit of the Territory of
13 Arkansas, for the purpose of erecting a court-house and jail at
14 Little Rock.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the Governor of*
2 the said Territory of Arkansas be, and he is hereby, fully em-

3 powered and authorized to lay off into town lots, conforming,
4 as near as practicable, to the present plan of the town of Little
5 Rock, so much of said grant of a thousand acres of land as he
6 may deem advisable so to be appropriated; and that he be fur-
7 ther authorized to sell the same, from time to time, as the
8 public interest may require; and the residue of said grant,
9 which may not be laid off into town lots corresponding with
10 the plan of the said town of Little Rock, he shall be authoriz-
11 ed to dispose of, in such lots or parcels as he may deem ad-
12 visable; but, in no case shall he be authorized to sell, unless
13 he shall give public notice of such sale by an advertisement in
14 one or more newspapers printed in the Territory of Arkansas;
15 and said sale shall be public at the court-house in the town of
16 Little Rock.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, in case suitable
2 situations cannot be had, free of cost to the Territory, for the
3 location of the State-house, as well as for the court-house and
4 jail in the town of Little Rock, the Governor aforesaid shall
5 be, and he is hereby, fully authorized to select and lay off
6 suitable squares for each of those buildings, within the addi-
7 tion hereunto authorized to be added to the town of Little
8 Rock; and that the squares so selected and laid off shall be ap-
9 propriated to the use of the respective buildings for which
10 they may be designated, and for no other purpose whatsoever,
11 for ever.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Governor
2 shall execute deeds for the lots he may sell under the provi-
3 sions of this act, to purchasers, so soon as the purchasers shall
4 pay up entirely the amount they may have bid for any lot or
5 lots, and all sales shall be for cash.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That so soon as the
2 Governor aforesaid shall dispose of lots, he shall apply the pro-
3 ceeds of said sales to the erection of a good and substantial
4 court-house and jail; and, after these shall have been comple-
5 ted, should there be any funds remaining, it shall be the duty
6 of said Governor, to apply the surplus thus remaining to the
7 erection of a suitable and permanent house for the residence
8 of the present and future Governor of Arkansas, during their
9 continuance in office.